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SUBJECT: OECD COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF PLANNING ISSUES
WITH RESPECT TO 1978 PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET

REF: OECD DOCUMENT C(77)131

1. AT JULY 7 COUNCIL MEETING SECRETARY GENERAL INVITED PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON REF DOC. HE APOLOGIZED FOR LATE APPEARANCE OF DOCUMENT DUE TO LATE MINISTERIAL MEETING THIS YEAR AND THEREFORE SHORT NOTICE (PAPER WAS ISSUED JULY 4), BEFORE COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING. SECGEN REQUESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REACTIONS OF PERMANENT DELEGATIONS TO 1978 PLANNING ISSUES. SECGEN SAID IF DELEGATIONS HAD FURTHER REACTIONS THEY COULD SUBMIT THEM AT COUNCIL MEETING JULY 22 OR IN WRITING. DELEGATIONS' COMMENTS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN SECRETARIAT'S PRESENTATION OF DETAILED DRAFT PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED AS CUSTOMARY IN THE FALL.

2. DELEGATIONS WHO SPOKE WELCOMED SECGEN'S PAPER, AND THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT AMONG THEM FOR STATEMENT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARA 27 THAT SECGEN WOULD "AIM AT A DRAFT PROGRAM OF WORK IMPLYING A RESOURCES LEVEL VERY CLOSE TO THE PRESENT ONE".

3. U.S. REP (AMBASSADOR SALZMAN) NOTED HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT USG WOULD FIND THAT REF DOC GENERALLY REFLECTED THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE RECENT OECD MINISTER-

IAL. HE MADE POINT THAT OUR FIRST CONCERN IS TO SEE THAT PRIORITY ACTIVITIES ESPECIALLY MINISTERIAL INITIATIVES ARE ADEQUATELY FUNDED, BUT THAT USG WOULD BE PLEASED IF ALL PRIORITY ACTIVITIES COULD BE FULLY STAFFED AND FUNDED BY WITHDRAWING FUNDS FROM LOWER PRIORITY ITEMS WITHIN A TOTAL OECD BUDGET VERY CLOSE TO THE PRESENT SIZE IN REAL TERMS.

4. TURKISH AND OTHER MEDITERRANEAN DELS INQUIRED ABOUT LACK OF REFERENCE IN PAPER TO ANY SECRETARIAT EFFORT CONCERNING PROBLEMS OF POORER MEMBER COUNTRIES REFERRED TO IN PARA 17 OF MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. SEC GEN EXPLAINED OMISSION BY SAYING INTENTION WAS TO FOLLOW UP ON PARA 17 ESSENTIALLY WITHIN EXISTING ACTIVITIES AND WITH EXISTING RESOURCES.

5. GERMAN DEL AND SEVERAL OTHERS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES WITHIN THOSE COMMITTEES WHICH WORK ON A PROJECT BASIS (SEE PARA 4 OF REF DOC) A NEW PROCEDURE WHICH SHOULD ENABLE COUNCIL LATER IN YEAR TO JUDGE POSSIBLE AREAS FROM WHICH RESOURCES COULD BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT NEW HIGH PRIORITY ACTIVITY. GERMAN DELEGATION ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WORK PROGRAM WHEN ISSUED INCLUDE STATISTICAL INFO ON PERSONNEL SIDE,

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I.E., HOW MANY MAN-MONTHS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT NEW VENTURES; AND MAN-MONTHS WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED IN LOWER PRIORITY PROJECTS.

6. ALL DELS WHO SPOKE ENDORSED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STATISTICAL EFFORT TO SUPPORT WORK ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, FORECASTING, POLICY FORMULATION INCLUDING BUSINESS SECTOR REPORTING. RE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR OECD TO COORDINATE DC POSITIONS ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES IN POST-CIEC PERIOD AND REQUESTED SEC GEN TO PROVIDE MORE EXPLICIT INFORMATION ON HOW VARIOUS DIRECTORATES WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT.

7. IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INDUSTRIAL AREA (PARA 13) SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED RENEWED EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRY SUB-PROGRAM. MOST FOUND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS WELL COVERED IN PARA 9. REFERENCE TO YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE PARA 14 CAUGHT ATTENTION OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS AND THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR URBAN AFFAIRS INITIATIVE, BUT IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THIS

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MATTER WOULD BE BACK BEFORE THE COUNCIL WHEN U.S. HAD SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO FOLLOW UP FROM SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH.

8. U.S. REP MADE POINT THAT UNTIL XCSS HAD COMPLETED BROAD REVIEW OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS NEXT FALL, IT WAS PREMATURE TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

9. SEPTEL CONTAINS TALKING POINTS FROM WHICH AMBASSADOR SALZMAN SPOKE AT THIS MEETING.

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